

Fiscal Note

Fiscal Services Division



SF 442 – Antidegradation Procedures - Water Pollution Control (LSB2137SV)
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Description

Senate File 442 requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to adopt a tiered antidegradation policy as outlined in the federal Water Pollution Control Act. This Bill requires the DNR to conduct an evaluation of every antidegradation review completed by a facility.

Background

Antidegradation refers to the federal regulations that maintain and protect high quality waters and existing water quality in other waters from unnecessary pollution. These regulations require the DNR to adopt an antidegradation policy and implementation procedures to protect waterbodies from activities that have the potential to deteriorate the water quality.

Assumptions

The DNR estimated the following expenditures related to the Bill:

- The DNR estimates the cost to implement this Bill would be \$116,000 and 1.00 FTE position. The position would be a Senior Engineer. The estimated cost of the FTE position includes an estimated salary of \$88,000 and benefits of \$28,000. State benefits vary per employee, but this analysis includes social security, retirement, and insurance payments.
- Municipalities expanding the size of treatment plants or planning to receive additional waste from industrial contributors outside of design capacity will be required to perform an antidegradation review. The estimated annual statewide cost for municipalities is \$182,000 to \$1,026,000 per year.

Summary of Impacts

Senate File 442 is estimated to increase General Fund expenditures to the DNR by \$116,000 and 1.00 FTE position per year beginning in FY 2010.

Sources

Department of Natural Resources

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